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SUBJECT: MT JOHN LEASE: BAKER-NUNN STATION

REF: A. WELLINGTON 804 B. WELLINGTON 1509, 6/13/73

C. WELLINGTON 2456, 11/30/72

D. STATE 193009, 10/24/72

E. WELLINGTON 2097, 10/24/72

F. STATE 192353, 10/20/72

G. WELLINGTON 2041, 10/17/72

1. IN VIEW OF REF A REPORT THAT PM KIRK HAS AGREED TO
SIGNING MT JOHN LEASE AND THAT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION
EXPECTED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, TIME APPEARS RIPE TO REVIEW
STATUS OF LEASE AND RELATED MATTERS.

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2. REF G FORWARDED FOR REVIEW TEXT OF DRAFT GNZ LEASE. REF F PROPOSED SEVERAL CHANGES TO LEASE AND EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR OTHER FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN USAF AND GNZ LAND SETTLEMENT BOARD OR OTHER GNZ AGENCY. REF E REQUESTED USAF AGREEMENT TO CLAUSE 28 OF DRAFT LEASE, AND REF D CONVEYED USAF AGREEMENT TO THE CLAUSE. REF C REPORTED THAT MFA HAD PREPARED AIDE-MEMOIRE AND NEW DRAFT LEASE BUT APPROVAL OF NEW GOVERNMENT STILL REQUIRED. REF B ADVISED THAT LEASE, MANNING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE SHED WERE CLOSELY

INTER-RELATED ISSUES, AND GNZ SPOKESMAN HAD INDICATED STORAGE SHED CONSTRUCTION COULD NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL MANNING QUESTION SETTLED. REF A INDICATED IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER GNZ HAS MADE DECISION ON MANNING IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS DECISION TO SIGN LEASE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE TEXT OF CURRENT DRAFT GNZ LEASE FOR APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON REVIEW. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM GNZ ON MANNING QUESTION. IF GNZ HAS DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN MANNING OF STATION, EMBASSY SHOULD, IN ADDITION TO ASCERTAINING PRECISE ROLE GNZ WOULD LIKE TO PLAY, REQUEST GNZ VIEWS ON HOW AND IN WHAT FORM AGREEMENT ON MANNING OF STATION SHOULD BE CONCLUDED. SINCE PROVISIONS GOVERNING JOINT MANNING OF STATION MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR LEASE, AND CONSIDERING THAT LEASE ARRANGEMENT IS NOT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH A JOINTLY MANNED AS OPPOSED TO SOLELY USAF MANNED STATION, AN AGENCY LEVEL AGREEMENT COVERING BOTH PROVISION OF LAND AND MANNING MATTERS, IN LIEU OF A LEASE, WOULD BE PREFERABLE. WE ALSO WISH TO EXAMINE COMPATIBILITY OF SPECIFIC GNZ PROPOSALS WITH PROVISIONS OF APPLICABLE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT (TIAS 6539). EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GNZ OF OUR CONCERNS REGARDING FORM OF AGREEMENT.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO PRESS FOR GNZ APPROVAL OF STORAGE SHED CONSTRUCTION. IN OUR VIEW, CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE SHED IS ROUTINE MATTER INCIDENT TO NORMAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BAKER-NUNN STATION. RIGHT TO USG TO
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OPERATE THIS FACILITY IS ESTABLISHED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS OF JULY 9, 1968 (TIAS 6539), AND GNZ HAS ASSURED USG OF CONTINUED RIGHT TO OPERATE FACILITY PENDING CONCLUSION NEW LEASE. FAILURE TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT IS HINDERING OPERATION OF STATION AND CAUSING USAF CONTRACTUAL AND FUNDING PROBLEMS. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT CONCLUSION OF NEW LEASE OR OTHER FORM OF AGREEMENT IS A PREREQUISITE TO CONSTRUCTION OF SHED, AND HOPE THAT GNZ

CAN NOW SEE FIT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. RUSH

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